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11. (U) Post sees no negative foreign policy implications of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) project described in reftel. Post provides a positive recommendation pending human subject approval, on the understanding that researchers will obtain verbal consent from study participants.

12. (U) The USAID health office has requested that NIH researchers provide additional information regarding proposed mechanisms for in-country review and approval of human subjects, along with information about how parties will know when assurances are granted. The health office has also requested that NIH researchers provide briefings prior to and during the study and subsequent report preparations and inform departmental and municipal health authorities of the study and its conclusions. USAID point of contact is Acting Health Office Director David Shanklin, who can be reached at [dshanklin@usaid.gov](mailto:dshanklin@usaid.gov) or 591-2-278-6583 (office).  
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